



Santa Monica Malibu Schools

Update on Environmental Issues: Week ending Saturday, December 28, 2013

From the Office of the Superintendent

Testing and Best Management Practices

Some of the relocated teachers and many parents have expressed a desire to return to their MHS classrooms; with the goal of returning these teachers and students to the vacated rooms as quickly as possible, the process of testing and best management practices cleaning of the rooms began immediately at the beginning of winter break. The sequence for this process is: pre-cleaning sample testing, followed by best management practices cleaning, followed by post-cleaning verification and sample testing in order to be thorough and to build trust. The process has run smoothly and on-schedule to date.

The pre-cleaning air testing by the Phylmar Group of the Blue Building, the Library, the Music Rooms and gym office of Malibu High School was conducted on December 21 and 22.

Implementation by National Response Corporation (NRC) began on the EPA's recommended best management practices for cleaning of the Blue Building, the Library, the Music Rooms and gym office of Malibu High School. According to the NRC project manager, there has been no one on campus except site staff and security. Mobilization of the best-management practices professional hygienists began on December 23. There was no campus activity on December 24 and December 25. Best management practices began on December 26, and are to continue approximately 10 hours per day for five consecutive days, completing on December 30. As of Friday morning, December 27, best management practices for cleaning have been completed for rooms 1, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 in the Blue Building, with the best management practices completed for the remaining rooms of that building by the end of Friday, December 27. Each room is being treated as an individual project, and the District will be provided with informational binders for each room, which will include photographs of the rooms before, during and after the best management practices cleaning. The balance of the rooms to be cleaned – 301, 302, 303, the gym office and the Library – are anticipated be completed by Monday, December 30. The most visible cleaning will be the front windows of the Library, which was to be done yesterday, Sunday, December 29.

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Environmental Engineering Firm selection

The deadline for submission to the District's RFQ was December 20, 2013. Four companies responded to the RFQ: Exponent of Oakland, CA; Environ of Irvine and Los Angeles, CA; AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. of Irvine, CA; and Terraphase Engineering of San Diego, CA. The responding companies' documents are being reviewed and screened in preparation for the interviews that are to take place in January.